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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF	:	Administrative Action
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RICHARD A. BLOSSOM, D.D.S.	:	CONSENT ORDER
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of a patient complaint from Beverley Robbins concerning dental treatment rendered by Dr. Blossom consisting of a three unit bridge on teeth #3,4,5 and root canal therapy on tooth #5. The Board reviewed the patient records and acquired additional information at an investigative inquiry attended by Dr. Blossom together with his counsel, John Goins, Esq. on March 22, 1995. It appears to the Board that the bridge did not fit properly and with respect to the root canal therapy, the canals were inadequately filled and a broken dental instrument was left in a canal. The Board further notes that there was poor recordkeeping in that the radiographs were not of diagnostic quality, there was improper charting of the patient record, and respondent failed to document in the patient record the periodontic findings. Also the treatment entries did not reflect all

of the dental procedures performed during each visit. In addition, the Board was required to make repeated requests to respondent to provide the records to investigate this matter before compliance was achieved. It appearing that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown,

IT IS ON THIS      // <sup>th</sup>      DAY OF <sup>October</sup> ~~MARCH~~, 1995,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Dr. Blossom shall make restitution to Beverley Robbins in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred (\$1,700.00) Dollars by submitting a certified check or money order in the aforesaid amount made payable to Beverley Robbins and sent to the State Board of Dentistry at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order.

2. Dr. Blossom shall successfully complete twenty-one (21) hours of continuing education in endodontics and twenty-one (21) hours of continuing education in crown and bridge dentistry for a total of forty-two (42) hours of continuing education. The continuing education courses shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance and must be completed within six (6) months of the entry date of this order. Dr. Blossom shall also be required to complete the attached Continuing Education Report and Proof of Attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached forms are made a part of the within Order. The continuing education ordered herein shall be in addition to, and not a part of, the mandatory continuing education required for licensees.

3. Dr. Blossom is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) (for professional misconduct in

failing to provide patient records to the Board upon repeated requests and for poor recordkeeping in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.7).

4. Dr. Blossom is hereby assessed a civil penalty of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars for failure to submit documentation that he has completed the continuing dental education requirements for the 1993-1995 biennial registration period.

5. Dr. Blossom is hereby reprimanded for his failure to inform the patient in this case that a broken instrument was left in one of the canals of tooth #5.

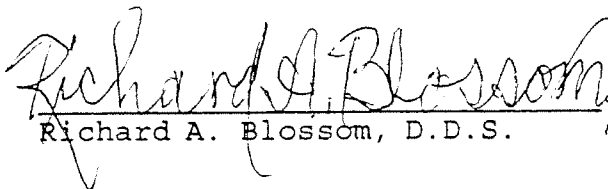
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: 

Stephen Candio, D.D.S., President

*James E. Fisk*

I have read the within Consent Order and understand its terms. I hereby consent to its entry and agree to be bound by the Order's terms.

 DDS 29 Sept '95  
Richard A. Blossom, D.D.S.